

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion by Marvin Hedrick and seconded by Charles Smith.

RECORDER

Recorder Sally Niedenthal requested permission to advertise a full time position to replace a retired employee. The position has been approved for this year's budget. Janet Kile moved to approve. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Councilman Jerry Kent made the motion to sign two resolutions to support "Replace Don't Erase" personal property taxes as proposed by the State Legislature. One declaration is for Rush County and the other a joint resolution with other units of Rush County government. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RUSH/SHELBY ENERGY BUILDING

A resolution allowing the Rush County Commissioners and the Rush County Council to move forward with the acquisition of the Rush/Shelby Energy Building at 126 South Main St was tabled until information on a study for a new jail was received. Jerry Kent moved to table the resolution. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR

Mayor Mike Pavey reported that the city ambulance service had made 96 runs and are working on an intercept agreement with Rush Memorial Hospital. Pavey stated that the response by emergency room personnel has been excellent. A second ambulance is days from being delivered, and the CEO at Ball Memorial Hospital is pleased with the city's operation. Pavey spoke of Mayors meeting with the Governor on the "Replace don't Erase" proposed personal property tax elimination.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

The following transfers were approved:

The Prosecutor transferred \$5,000 from Law Enforcement to Part time on a motion by Marvin Hedrick and a second by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

The Prosecutor also transferred \$500 from Law Enforcement to FICA Part time on a motion by Kevin Spilman and a second by Charles Smith. Motion carried.

A transfer in the Cum Cap Fund in the amount of \$10,000 from Jail/Courthouse Repairs to Jail Study was permitted. Jerry Kent moved to allow the motion. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MILROY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Becky Puckett reported that one run of thirteen dispatched had been missed by Milroy Ambulance. Milroy continues to recruit EMT which will be made possible since an instructor has been secured for July.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Sherwood reported that there are 43 inmates. The Sheriff reported that the Pension Census for the Sheriff's department has been submitted. More information will be available at the Merit Board Meeting on March 5th.

Sherwood reported that \$60,000 had been budgeted for two cars in 2014. Batesville Chrysler Acura has quoted three 2014 Dodge Chargers at \$17,556 each. Sherwood was given permission to proceed to purchase all three vehicles.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Auditor Mary Ann Beard presented an amendment to 2014 Salary Ordinance #2013-1. The amendments will allow the Assessor and the Deputy Assessor to be paid as Level II assessors. The second amendment will allow Part Time pay at \$11 per hour for the Prosecutor Bad Check Fund. Kevin Spilman moved to the amended ordinance. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDITOR

- The council was given a "save the date" for the Annual State Board of Accounts County Council meeting. The meeting will be held Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the Indiana Grand Casio in Shelbyville.

RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AMBULANCE

Jerry Kent displayed his displeasure that Rush Memorial Hospital had only returned \$152,000 of the depreciation funds being held by the hospital and of the hospital's plans to replace 2 new chassis of the three ambulances. Kent also questioned that the council did not sign the ambulance contract as it had in the past and asked if the hospital appointment could be rescinded. Councilman Kent expressed his approval of an intercept agreement between Rushville City Ambulance Service and RMH suggesting the city receive \$150 per run and one-half of that amount if the hospital is not paid.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Jerry Kent. Charlie Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

Absent on 3-12
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

Absent on 3-12
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor